



Minutes of the Ulaao Creek Partnership Meeting Feb. 25th 2010

P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mike Grisar.

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In attendance were August Hoppe, Mike Grisar, Andy Holschbach, Marjie Tomter, Noel Cutright, David Schwengel, Lesley Brotkowski, Karin Manley, Steve Wilkinson, and Shawn Graff,

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 13th, 2009 meeting were approved by a voice vote pending changes make by Andrew Struck.

Old/ Ongoing Business

2009 Project Review

- 1. Invasive Species Control-** Mike Grisar mentioned that the garlic mustard pulls of 2009 were successful. Projects will again take place in 2010.
- 2. Water Quality Monitoring-** August Hoppe monitored the conditions of the Ulaao Creek in 2009. Monitoring came to an end once the creek ran dry in midsummer. August Hoppe will continue the monitoring in 2010. Information will be posted on the UCP website. www.ulaocreek.org
- 3. Barn Dance-** The end of summer barn dance was hosted by Paul Helms. The String along band played once again. There were UCP members and friends that attended. No new UCP members were signed up.

Oz. Co.-Milwaukee River Watershed Fish Passage Program

Staff members have been hired to oversee the program. Currently landowners are being contacted to grant permission for crews to work on projects on private lands. The Oz. County highway department will also take an active role by replacing some culverts. Impediments will need to be removed by November 2010. One of the goals of the project will be to remove the impediments so that northern pike will be able to come up the creek and spawn once again.

OWLT WCMP Grant Application-UCP supported this grant application, but unfortunately it was not recommended for funding at this time. The goal is to create a tool to help OWLT identify critical properties for protection. It will help narrow the focus so efforts can be targeted without waste. If the grant was accepted, the UCP watershed will be a great location to test out the modeling tools.

SEWISC update and progress (Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium) This group has been up and running for 1.5 years and is focused on education and BMP in regards to the new DNR NR 40 rule. UCP is a signed member of SEWISC and there are partnership possibilities.

The Gateway-Conservation Land/Easement- Mike Grisar and Shawn Graff will set up a meeting to discuss with Kraig Sadownikow of American Design Build, the details of a conservation easement for a 7 acre parcel of the site. The UCP wishes to obtain a conservation easement to manage the parcel, without outright ownership. The OWLT might be willing to back the conservation easement for the UCP.

New Business

Treasures of Oz- Marjie Tomter spoke about this project. The objectives are to create a family friendly event that will generate awareness and appreciation of the

environment, and natural resources of Ozaukee Co. Participants will visit selected treasure sites. They will have a passport in hand, to be stamped at each site that they visit. A culminating activity at Forest Beach Migratory Bird Preserve will take place. Music, food, silent auction and other awareness activities will take place. August Hoppe has volunteered to set up a table at the program for the UCP. **Land Conservation Partnership funding Request-** Funding will be needed for two workshops April 1st and April 2nd, along with traveling expenses to send representatives to Minnesota and to some east coast communities that have had success in land conservation programs. UCP will conduct an email vote to decide whether or not donate money to the Land Conservation Partnership.

Invasive Species Field Guides and NR 40-Mike Grisar has ordered full color field guides of invasive species. The expected cost should be around \$200. The UCP will be able to use these field guides as promotional items. A motion was made to reimburse Mike Grisar for the cost of the field guides. The motion carried on a voice vote.

2010 Events/Activities

Invasive species day- Mike Grisar will plan a garlic mustard pulling day once again.

Water Quality monitoring- August Hoppe will once again perform water quality monitoring of the Ulao creek. He will try to develop a program so that others that are interested may attend and assist.

The Gateway- Once an easement is secured the UCP will have many potential projects on the site. Planning will take place probably for fall events. A management plan being created first.

UCP Membership-Mike Grisar will create a membership letter and Shawn Graff mentioned that the OWLT would help with the cost of the mailing. Shawn Graff will email Mike Grisar an example of a successful membership solicitation. August Hoppe will create a newsletter again this spring. Mike Grisar will create a welcome article, August Hoppe will create an article regarding the water quality monitoring, and Marjie Tomter will create an article regarding the treasures of Oz. program. The newsletter should be ready for our next meeting in April.

2010 UCP leadership- Elections in April- Mike Grisar plans on stepping down as president at the April meeting. A search committee for a new president will include Mike Grisar, Shawn Graff, and August Hoppe.

Other Business

Mike Grisar spoke regarding the Riveredge Nature Center maple syrup program coming up soon. He suggested that it is a good activity to attend.

Steve Wilkinson spoke regarding creating a tree planting program for home owners in the watershed. The program may consist of cost sharing of planting, or just an educational component.

Marjie Tomter suggested that the UCP get on facebook. She will create a page for the Ulao Creek Partnership. Volunteers are needed to administer the site.

The next meeting date will be April 22nd 2010 in room 218 at the Ozaukee County Administration building. The time will be 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.